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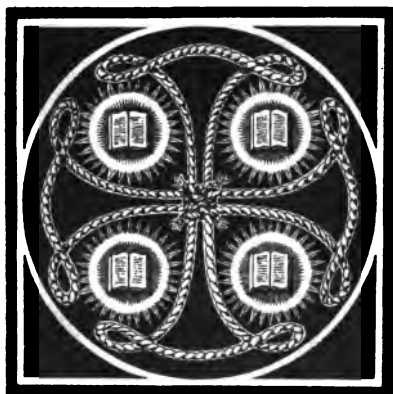
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*To*  
E. T. P.

*Prayer is and remains the native and  
deepest impulse of the soul of man.*

THOMAS CARLYLE





## FOREWORD

**A**N eminent divine said to me the other day that he believed it was impossible to instill any spirituality into a boy; that the best thing to do was just to hammer away and hope for results, but that he had grave doubts of any great success. With all due respect to this clergyman, I feel that he is making the mistake, and that we all make the mistake, of judging by appearances and not by inner facts. There is nothing with regard to which the boy shows diffidence and secretiveness more than in his inner spiritual life. He "dries up" at the mere mention of any spirituality. Any reference to the name of Jesus is enough to make a boy, or a crowd of boys, selfconscious and secretive. And yet, dealing with boys, I feel that way down in the hearts of most boys is a purer spiritual longing than in men of older years. It is quite natural, when this world of ours seems so beautiful, when a material success seems so necessary, and when all material things seem so real, that a boy appears to be taken up altogether with the affairs of this world and, therefore, if one

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judges by appearances, one would say that spirituality is absent from boyhood. But any lover of boys will say that when the barriers have been broken down and one gets at the very heart of the boy, one is more than astonished at the deep things one finds.

What is the place, then, of prayer in a boy's life, and the necessity of it? I am very old-fashioned and in this time of world stress, I am more than ever of the opinion that a return to certain customs of our fathers would be of great benefit to the world. The prayer said at the bedside, morning and evening, though it may only be perfunctory, though it may only be a custom, and the words used somewhat meaningless to the boy, nevertheless, has its effect on the boy's character. To spend even five minutes with one's God is something, no matter what the requests may be, and I am distinctly of the opinion that schoolmasters should insist on their boys following this dear old custom.

Therefore, I feel that a book of prayers written for boys by religious and spiritually minded men is a great necessity in every boy's school, and has a distinct place in a boy's life. And I am delighted that Mr. Clements has, with the help of so many eminent leaders, got

together a book which will answer this felt need. For the spiritual longing *is* in a boy's heart, and we should be very careful how we feed it.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

**T**HIS collection of prayers, which was started several years ago while the editor was in a British Ambulance hospital near Jerusalem, has come from the urgent need of a book of short prayers which are suitable for a boy's use both at home and at school. Lest there be any doubt as to just what the editor means by *boy* I quote from a letter written by Henry van Dyke: "For the collection of prayers I am sending one that I made for myself to-night . . . after all there is not much difference between a boy and a man, except that a man's time for "making good" is shorter, — but he needs the same kind of forgiveness and help."

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COLIN CAMPBELL CLEMENTS

## A PARENT'S PRAYER

**I** *HAVE a boy to bring up.*

Help me to perform my task with wisdom and kindness and good cheer. Help me always to see him clearly, as he is. Let not my pride in him hide his faults. Let not my fear for him magnify my doubts and fears until I make him doubting and fearful in his turn.

Quicken my judgment so that I shall know to train him to think as a child, to be in all things pure and simple as a child.

*I have a boy to bring up.*

Give me great patience and a long memory. Let me remember the hard places in my own youth, so that I may help when I see him struggling as I struggled then.

Let me remember the things that made me glad, lest I, sweating in the toil and strain of life, forget that a little child's laughter is the light of life..

*I have a boy to bring up.*

Teach me that love that understandeth all things; the Love that knows no weakness, tolerates no selfishness. Keep me from weak-



ening my son through granting him pleasures that end in pain, ease of body that must bring sickness of soul, a vision of life that must end in death. Grant that I love my son wisely and myself not at all.

*I have a son to bring up.*

Give him the values and beauty and just rewards of industry. Give him an understanding brain and hands that are cunning, to work out his happiness.

*I have a boy to bring up.*

Help me to send him into the world with a mission of service. Strengthen my mind and heart that I may teach him that he is his brother's keeper. Grant that he may serve those who know not the need of service, and not knowing, need it the most.

*I have a boy to bring up.*

So guide and direct me that I may do this service to the glory of God, the service of my country, and to my son's happiness. AMEN.

*Angelo Patri*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**UR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt grant their requests, fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. AMEN.

*St. Chrysostom*

**O** THOU who comprehendest mother love, send Thy richest blessings upon my mother. Thou hast put about me the ripening companionship of her womanhood. My life spans the years that have changed her from youth to old age; my experience has been won at the cost of her toilings; my failures have brought her secret pain; my foolish pride has melted before her indulgent love; my manhood has been nurtured by her care. All that is holy in me comes from her unspoken teachings; all that is wicked has gathered out of the moments when I had forgotten her. Grant unto her in the approaching days when her great love will be embodied in a feebler frame, the fruitage of her years of labor. May the life of her son be fair for her to see. May peace be the companion of her memories, and confidence the comrade of her mother hopes. May all that she endured that I might be for her a joy and pride bring her into a rich heritage. O Father, Thou hast been merciful through such a mother; may her life never have been lived in vain. AMEN.

*Irving Maurer*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD: we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And, finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*George Washington*

**O**UR FATHER, we thank Thee that after a period of relaxation and rest we have returned to the present work appointed to us, masters and boys alike. Help us to realize that our work is not only a duty but a privilege, because by work alone, well done now and here, can we become efficient for the greater work and wider influence that we trust awaits us in the not distant future. As sons of Thine, help us to say from our hearts, as once said our Elder Brother, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." That we may work with success, we ask Thee for confidence in the abilities with which Thou hast endowed us, for belief and trust in our fellows, for faith in Thee. "Lord, increase our faith" — the faith that will remove mountains. For in the lesser or the greater distance we see our life's journey leading over apparently impassable mountains. To some they are mountains of timidity and fear; to others, mountains of doubt and indecision; to others, mountains of endless effort and unrewarded work. However high and wide and bleak and bare our individual mountains may be, give us, we beseech Thee, high hope and firm courage with

which to start the climb, holding fast to our Father's guiding hand. For we know, if we walk by faith in Thee, our mountains will dissolve into pleasant valleys, our haunting fears be changed to lasting hope, our doubts to decision. So may we walk this day in love and faith, "as seeing Him who is invisible."

AMEN.

*A. F. Jamieson*

**O** GOD, our Creator and our King, and yet our Father and our Friend; all-wise, and yet all-kind; all-powerful, and yet all-merciful; all-seeing, and yet all-loving — taught by experience we dare not, in our ignorance and sin, enter upon the trials and temptations of this day without asking Thy guidance and Thy blessing. Show us the path of duty and of service, and help us to follow the straight way, however narrow and hard and rough it be to our oftentimes unwilling feet. Help us to know that the crosses we are called upon to bear are not of crucifixion, but of glory; that the harder the task, the greater the reward and honor of accomplishment; that the less we do for self, the greater the service to our neighbor and for Thee. Here and now we are making our histories and writing our biographies — each year, a volume; each week, a chapter; each day, a page. The ink is indelible, the page indestructible. Though *We* live not, *They* will never die. No tears of sorrow or regret may blot out the writing, nor can it be erased by human hand, nor can change be made, save in the copy of God in Heaven. “What is



written, is written." Therefore, in doubt and dread, and yet in hope and faith, we see opening before us another page for another day. How shall we read the chapter of this term? "Working, or Loafing?" "Selfishness, or Service?" "Duty, or Neglect?" If what we write is ruined by shame and sin, God pity us! If it is marred by selfishness and negligence, God help us! If it is illumined by duty and service, God bless us! In His name, and for His Son's sake, we pray. AMEN.

*A. F. Jamieson*

**G**IVE Thy blessing, we pray Thee, to this our daily work, that we may do it in faith heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men. All our powers of body and mind are Thine, and we would fain devote them to Thy service. Sanctify them and the work in which they are engaged; let us not be slothful, but fervent in spirit, and do Thou, O Lord, so bless our efforts, that we may bring forth in us the fruits of true wisdom. Strengthen the faculties of our minds, and dispose us to exert them, but let us always remember to exert them for Thy glory, and for the furtherance of Thy kingdom, and save us from all pride, and vanity, and reliance upon our own power or wisdom.

Give us this day Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be Thine body and spirit, in all our work and all our refreshments, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. AMEN.

*Dr. Arnold of Rugby*

**M**OST HOLY GOD of wisdom, love and power, bless us we pray, and make us truly Thine. Forgive our sins and purify our hearts; control our passions, fill our souls with light. Help us to gain the learning that we need; and make our bodies strong, that we may serve Thee as men. Deliver us from every fear, except of doing wrong. Enable us to see our own mistakes, that we may alter them, and then go forward on the better path. Guide us to honor, truth and usefulness; and teach us how to grow unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, our Savior and our Heavenly Friend.

Send Thy blessing on our country, our school, our comrades, and the families that we love. Protect them from all harm in body and in soul; and grant us joy in serving them for good.

These things we ask, dear Lord, in Jesus' name. **AMEN.**

*Henry van Dyke*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, we desire to acknowledge Thee in all our ways at the beginning of another day. Thou hast given us our bodies — help us to keep them strong for service, and pure as the dwelling-places of Thy spirit. Thou hast given us our minds — oh, keep them wise in judgment and farseeing in vision. Thou hast given us our hearts — amid the chilling, contracting influences of life may they ever be warm, sympathetic, generous. Thou hast given us our wills, the priceless gift of self-direction and free choice — Thy will be done in us. Thou hast given us our homes — dispel from them all that destroys the home spirit, unite us ever more closely to one another and to Thee. Thou hast given us our school — may it be not simply a place of mental development but of spiritual awakening; here may great decisions be reached, great temptations overcome, great purposes moulded, great sympathies kindled. Thou hast given us our country — help us to love it wisely by loving Thee best of all, to serve it loyally by unceasing devotion to that righteousness which alone exalteth a nation.

And now wilt Thou give us a deep desire to

learn this day something of Thy truth, of the wonders of the universe, of our own lives, and to put the truth we learn into action. Turn our hearts perfectly to Thee in love and trust and aspiration, and unto Thy name shall be all the praise. AMEN.

*Alexander MacCall*

**O** GOD, who hast folded back the black mantle of the night to clothe us in the golden glory of the day, chase from our hearts all gloomy thoughts and make us glad with the brightness of hope, that we may effectively aspire to unwon virtues; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Bishop Brent*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast taught us to call Thee "Father." In the strength of Thy name we go forth to meet the temptations and the duties of this day. May we be worthy of being called Thy children. May we have Thy patience and tenderness in our dealing with others, especially with the members of our own household. May we have pity for all weak and tempted persons, and lend them our strength, as Thou dost lend Thy strength to us. Clothe us this day with armor of light. May we have Thy purity, Thy horror of all evil thoughts and all unholy desires, and may they be overcome and cast out of our hearts by a passion for holiness. Whatever we have to do, may we do it so that it shall be well-pleasing to Thee. Help us to adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things. Preserve us in all danger, keep us in the ways of life, and bring us at last to our Father's house in peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*H. E. Cobb*

**O** GOD, our Father, as we come to Thee at the beginning of the new day, may our hearts be open to receive the gift of Thy spirit for which we pray. Grant that we may not be unresponsive to the promptings of Thy spirit, but that we may go through all the manifold duties and tasks of this day with a real consciousness of nearness to Thee, and of dependence upon Thee.

Give us wisdom in the performance of our daily work in the use of our time and opportunities, so that we may not be restricted in our vision to the immediate interests of the present, but that we may look forward to a time when we may be called upon to use our talents in some service in which our real value to Thee, as fellow-workers, will depend upon the thoroughness with which we have trained ourselves for efficient service. May we strive to grow in spiritual strength, as well as in mental and physical powers.

Grant that our many experiences of Thy love, the realization of the blessings of the past, may give us ever increasing faith. Give us strength of will and clearness of conscience to follow more steadfastly that which we know is



right. Forgive, we beseech Thee, the many things which we do contrary to Thy laws, and the many things which we fail to do because of negligence and indifference.

May all our thoughts, words, and acts throughout this day be prompted by right motives, and by worthy ideals; may we live with the constant desire to make our lives acceptable to Thee. AMEN.

*C. H. Breed*

**O** THOU, who art the true Sun of the world, ever rising, and never going down; who, by Thy most wholesome appearing and sight dost nourish, and gladden all things, in Heaven and earth; we beseech Thee mercifully to shine into our hearts, that the night and darkness of sin, and the mists of error on every side, being driven away by the brightness of Thy shining within our hearts, we may all our life walk without stumbling, as in the day-time, and, being pure and clean from the works of darkness, may abound in all good works which Thou hast prepared for us to walk in. AMEN.

*Erasmus*

**O** GOD, who, by the example of Thy dear Son, hast warned us that we should work Thy works while it is day, before the night cometh, when no man can work, keep us from sloth and idleness, and from the misuse of those talents which Thou hast committed to our trust. Enable us to perform the several duties of our state and calling with such care and diligence that our work may never be reprov'd in Thy sight; and forasmuch as the needful business of this life is apt to steal away our hearts from Thee, give us grace to remember that we have a Master in Heaven, and to do everything in singleness of heart, as unto Thee and not unto men, that of Thee we may receive the reward of the inheritance which Thou hast promised in Thy Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**A**T the beginning of another day, our Heavenly Father, we pray to thee from hearts grateful for Thy goodness to us, and we praise Thee for the joy and opportunities of our lives and work. Thou knowest what we really need even before we ask; so, if it is Thy will, may we travel far today along the way which Christ, by his example and teachings, has marked out for us; and give us the strength of character and stoutness of heart to continue in the paths of right living and helpful service all our days so that we shall grow more and more perfectly into true sons of God. And all the praise shall be to Jesus in whose name we pray. AMEN.

*Ernest E. Rich*

**H**EAVENLY FATHER, we come to Thee with hearts of praise and thanksgiving for the opportunities Thou hast given us to serve Thee. Give us, O God, the courage and the understanding to seize rightly these opportunities to serve Thee by helping bear the burdens of others.

We thank Thee for the example which we have in Thy Son, Jesus Christ, who hast taught us the art of forgiveness, the power of patience, the glory of truth and the happiness of work. Help us to learn that all great and noble service in this world is based on gentleness, patience, truth and work. We pray, O Lord, for Thy blessing on those who made it possible for us to have the advantages of this education, this broader sociability, and this opportunity to do noble things. May we learn to appreciate the good fortune bestowed upon us compared to that of many of our fellowmen, and through this appreciation serve thee by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

We thank Thee for thy loving care through the night, and pray that thou wilt watch over us this day, guiding us in all we say, feel, and do. For Christ's sake. AMEN.

**O** LORD, our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee that we have not only these teachings as guides, but that in the person of Jesus Christ we have one who fully realized the ideals of the divine kingdom. We thank Thee for His perfect life and character, and we pray that we may strive evermore to follow in His footsteps. May it appeal to us ever stronger and stronger that the poor in spirit, the merciful, the meek, and the pure in heart are blessed; and that in a special sense they shall see God. We pray that Thou wilt help us to remember the lesson of this morning. May we take heed how we judge one another. May the spirit of fault-finding be taken away, and may we look upon our fellowmen with Christian spirit, looking more and more for the things that are pure and lovely and of good report, and less and less for the motes of imperfection. Teach us to have faith in one another and in God, the Father of us all; to have hope for the future when we may realize the ideals for which now we imperfectly strive; to have the divine gift of charity by which we may enter into the king-

dom of love and of truth and of God. Through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*J. S. Stevens*

**O**UR FATHER in Heaven help us this day to tread the paths of righteousness, to follow after Jesus; to do nothing that we shall be ashamed of afterwards. Help us to do unto others as we would have done to us.

If we participate in any game, any sport, any work, help us to play fairly; not to cheat or do anything in an underhanded manner.

If by chance we slip from the straight and narrow path set us aright again and keep us from evil. Let us do the day's work with a will and teach us, we pray Thee, to do the hardest thing first.

Help us, O Lord, to keep Jesus in our minds: not to forget His sacrifice for us; and to try and do things He would like.

Keep us in good health this day, O Lord, and protect us from any kind of danger.

All these blessings we ask in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

*John J. Schwed*

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**O** BLESSED GOD, our Father, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to Thee for many things, but at the heart of all our thankfulness is this: that Thou art not dead; that Thou art a living God and that ever before us Thou dost lead the way into what eye hath not seen nor ear heard and what hath not entered into the heart of man. Therefore, according to the promise, do we, Thy children, look for a new Heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. AMEN.

*Harry Emerson Fosdick*

**O** THOU ETERNAL LOVE, whom Jesus has taught us to call our Father, and in whom we are learning to trust as our Brother, our Comrade, our closest Friend, we are not seeking Thee, for we know that Thou art nearer to us every moment than we are to ourselves. We are only wishing and hoping that often, through this day, the thought of Thy nearness to us, of Thy presence with us, may spring into our consciousness, that we may see what Thou art showing us, and know what Thou art telling us, and be ready to take what Thou art giving us, and to do what Thou art bidding us. Help us to feel more than once today that the good thoughts and good wishes which we find in our hearts are signs of Thy presence there; and may we learn to look for Thee thus, within our lives, and to rejoice when we find Thee there, and so to become aware, more and more, of what we mean when we speak of the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit. We know that Thou art working in us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure; and we know that Thou findest Thy good pleasure in lives made fruit-

ful and beautiful in Thy service. So help us  
to work with Thee, this day and every day,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O** GOD, who art the unsearchable abyss of peace, the ineffable sea of love, the fountain of blessings, and the bestower of affection, who sendest peace to those that receive it; open to us this day the sea of Thy love, and water us with plenteous streams from the riches of Thy grace. Make us children of quietness, and heirs of peace. Enkindle in us the fire of Thy love; strengthen our weaknesses by Thy power; bind us closely to Thee and to each other in one firm and indissoluble bond of unity. AMEN.

*Syrian Clementine Liturgy*

**O** FATHER, GOD, we thank Thee to-day for life — the privilege of living. Help us today to remember that "We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart-throbs." May we ever be reminded that "He most lives, who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best." Help us today so to act that we may show our appreciation for life by our work.

We thank Thee too, O God, for the chance to serve. May we today overlook no opportunity to reach out a helping hand, to speak a kind word, to show sympathy, and, above all, help us to appreciate every service rendered to those who work with and for us. May we, O Lord, in all that we do this day, do our level best; may we think the highest and best thoughts; may we strive to use our best efforts. Help us to strive today "not as though we had already attained, but that we may reach after" the spiritual life we long for. Then help us to "give to the world the best we have, that the best may come back to us." Hear us, O Father, in the name of Thy Dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**E**TERNAL GOD our Father! Ere we go into the world to meet its trials and temptations, we come to Thee for strength to fortify our spirits. Give us Thine own armor — truth in our thoughts and motives, our words and actions; a sense of obligation in our work and in all our relationships; courage to face difficulty, because we know we are true and therefore have the Father with us. May our daily tasks, whether commonplace or exalted, be glorified in the consciousness that we are doing our Father's bidding. Give us patience with the shortcomings of others, and wisdom in the disciplining of our characters. May no evil blight this day, and mar the finished structure of our lives but may we keep ourselves unspotted from the world. And as we go our several ways, wilt Thou watch between us while we are absent one from another. Grant us this prayer in Christ's name. AMEN.

*C. A. Eaton*

**O** GOD, we thank Thee for the sweet refreshment of sleep and for the vigor of the new day. As we set our faces once more toward our daily work, we pray Thee for the strength sufficient for our tasks. May Christ's spirit of duty and service ennoble all we do. Uphold us by the consciousness that our work is useful work and a blessing to all.

If there has been anything in our work harmful to others and dishonorable to ourselves, reveal it to our inner eye with such clearness that we shall hate it and put it away, though it be at a loss to ourselves. When we work with others, help us to regard them, not as servants to our will, but as brothers equal to us in human dignity and equally worthy of their full reward.

May there be nothing in this day's work of which we shall be ashamed when the sun has set, nor in the eventide of our life when our task is done and we go to our long home to meet Thy face. AMEN.

*Walter Rauschenbusch*

**W**E BLESS and praise and magnify Thee, O God of our fathers, who hast led us out of the shadows of night once more into the light of day. Unto Thy loving-kindness we make our entreaty; be merciful to our misdeeds; accept our prayers in the fullness of Thy compassions, for Thou art our refuge from one generation to another, O merciful and almighty God. Suffer the true Sun of Thy righteousness to shine in our hearts, enlighten our reason, and purify our senses; so that we may walk honestly as in the day, in the way of Thy commandments, and reach at last the life eternal, where we shall rejoice in Thy inaccessible life. For Thou art the Fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light. AMEN.

*Greek Church*



**D**EAR LORD, who wast once a boy  
on earth and understandest the  
heart of a boy and all its tempta-  
tions, be near to guide and sustain us through  
every passing moment of today. Make us  
strong and manly, kind to the weak and truth-  
ful to all men; help us to do the straight thing  
now and always, for Thy dear Sake. AMEN.

*Francis Bradley-Birt*

**L**ORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, of Thy great mercy grant us a safe lodging, and holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ.  
**AMEN.**

*Cardinal Newman*

**W**E THANK Thee, our Heavenly Father, for another bright day in this wonderful world that Thou hast given to us. We pray Thee that we may not darken the day by any self-made gloom or discontent on our part, but help us cheerfully to concentrate all our energies, and to devote ourselves wholly to the tasks of the immediate present. Help us to feel that the future for us depends upon today and that every day brought to a successful close will ensure a better day to follow. While we pray for ourselves, and that we may have the good sense to fit ourselves for a useful future, we would pray also for this great nation of ours, that it may take its place among the nations of the earth in a manner befitting its power, its wealth, and its ideals, and that it may live up to its duty in service for mankind. This we ask in the name of Christ. AMEN.

*Thos. B. Bronson*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we begin the day conscious of our helplessness, and of Thy supreme and sovereign power. As Thou didst give us life, so we implore Thee to sustain it and to make us ready and fit for our larger service. For Thy care and protection through the night we praise Thee; the day and the night to Thee are both alike. As Thou hast watched about our beds, so we believe Thou knowest and plannest all our ways. Do Thou fit us for all that Thou art preparing for us. If perchance we should fail in our fulfillment of Thy plan concerning us, do Thou gently correct us and restore us to Thy love and favor. If disappointments or sorrows should attend us, make us strong to bear our burdens, and enrich us with Thy sustaining grace. Make us ever faithful in each particular duty; loyal to every high claim, responsive to every obligation to Thee and to those about us. Give us to know the way that leadeth unto life eternal, and fill us with the peace that passeth understanding. May the shadows and the sunshine alike develop and ennoble our characters. Bind us as a household with the ties of a sacred love, and make

us worthy of Thy continuing care and favor.  
May we live this day as heirs of eternal life,  
and rise ever more and more unto the measure  
of the stature of the fullness of Him who for  
our sakes became poor, that we through His  
poverty might be made rich — Thy Son, our  
Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*J. E. Freeman*

**T**HE day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play the man, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces, let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithly on our business all this day, bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonored, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep. AMEN.

*Robert Louis Stevenson*

**O** GOD, who hast ordained that whatever is to be desired, should be sought by labor, and who, by Thy blessing, bringest honest labor to good effect; look with mercy upon my studies and endeavors. Grant me, O Lord, to design only what is lawful and right; and afford me calmness of mind, and steadiness of purpose, that I may so do Thy will in this short life, as to obtain happiness in the world to come, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Samuel Johnson*

**O** BLESSED LORD, who hast commanded us to love one another, grant us grace that, having received Thine undeserved bounty, we may love every one in Thee and for Thee. We implore Thy clemency for all; but especially for the friends whom Thy love has given to us. Love Thou them, O Thou Fountain of love, and make them to love Thee with all their hearts, that they may will, and speak, and do those things only which are pleasing to Thee. AMEN.

*St. Anselm*



**O**UR FATHER, Thou dost yearn toward us, Thy children, beyond our own yearning one towards another. Endow Thy young servants with Thy grace, and be with them in the days of peril, peril within and without. Make them staunch men; never cowardly, even if they are afraid; never dishonorable, whatever the temptation may be; never disloyal to their country or to Thee. Keep them true men, true to their homes, to their companions, true citizens of this country. Make them loyal sons, as well as faithful servants to Thyself. Bestow on them, we pray Thee, out of Thy great knowledge, those things that are best for them, such as we would bestow if we could. We pray Thee to help them count duty and honor and country and Christ above life. Help them, we pray Thee, in life, to win Thine own approval and in death Thy transfiguration. Help us to remember one another — not that we lack the disposition, but that we want the power. Especially, we pray Thee, make their thought for one another fruitful and helpful. Endow them, we pray Thee, as Thou alone canst do,

with some discernment of their own capabilities. All this we ask for the sake of Thy Son, our Lord and Master. AMEN.

*Simon J. McPherson*

**O** LORD, JESUS CHRIST, who dost embrace children with the arms of Thy mercy, and dost make them living members of Thy Church; give them grace, we pray Thee, to stand fast in Thy faith, to obey Thy word, and to abide in Thy love; that, being made strong by Thy Holy Spirit, they may resist temptation and overcome evils and may rejoice in the life that now is, and dwell with Thee in the life that is to come, through Thy merits, O merciful Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest One God, world without end. AMEN.

*Book of Common Prayer*

**L**ORD JESUS, Friend and Brother of our souls, we commit to Thee our plans and purposes for this day and for our lives. Govern us in the choices we must make; control us in our relationships; command us in moments of thoughtlessness, that we may not wilfully go into moral danger. May we confront the duties of every hour with open eyes and steady will. Strengthen our faith — may it not vanish into mere fancy, or dissolve into mere emotion. Grant us the love of all things in their right relations. Save us from being over-anxious about things which do not matter. Enlighten our minds as we study Thy works, and in all our studying may we not forget the study of Thy Word. May we hide Thy Word in our hearts that we may not sin against Thee. Teach us the secret of hopefulness. Fill our hearts with good will towards others. May we hate nothing but meanness. If we have enemies may we conquer them by love. May our lives be rich with friendships. Beyond what we are, show us evermore what Thou wouldst have us be, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

*Charles Carroll Albertson*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee so to bless this school that in future years we may never regret the time spent here. Pour down an abundance of Thy grace, that those who teach may influence us aright, and that we may behave with respect and submission towards them. Banish from us all bitterness and impatience; and grant that both teachers and scholars may work together for the good of each other, and to Thy honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

*F. H. Sill*

**O** GOD who art the defender of all who put their trust in Thee, we thank Thee for the privilege of service in any warfare in behalf of truth and righteousness, against falsehood and evil. May we be good soldiers under our great Leader, Christ. Give us clear vision of our duty; give us courage and steadfastness of purpose; above all, give us the obedience of faith, that, trusting not in our own strength but in Thy divine support, we may have victory over all our enemies without and our temptations within. And to Thy name shall be all the praise, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

*C. T. Winchester*

**O** LORD OUR GOD, under the shadow of Thy wings let us hope. Thou wilt support us, both when little, and even to gray hairs. When our strength is of Thee, it is strength; but, when our own, it is feebleness. We return unto Thee, O Lord, that from their weariness our souls may rise towards Thee, leaning on the things which Thou hast created, and passing on to Thyself, who hast wonderfully made them; for with Thee is refreshment and true strength. AMEN.

*St. Augustine*

**W**E LIFT our hearts to Thee, our Father and our God, and give Thee thanks for life and all its gifts.

We thank Thee for the homes from which we have come, and pray Thee to bless the dear ones there. May we never disappoint them nor grieve them needlessly. Bless our friends and comrades in this school and make us a blessing to them. May those who guide us in our studies themselves be guided by the great Teacher, Jesus Christ. May this school prosper. May we all be animated by noble motives. Let us not forget those who are less fortunate than ourselves. So, with respect for one another and with sympathy for any who are in trouble may we all, teachers and students together, live the abundant life through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Charles Carroll Albertson*



**O** GOD, the Enlightener of men, who of all graces givest the most abundant blessings upon heavenly love; we beseech Thee to cleanse us from selfishness, and grant us, for Thy love, so to love our brethren that we may be Thy children upon earth; and thereby, walking in Thy truth, attain to Thy unspeakable joy, who art the giver of life to all who truly love Thee. Grant this prayer, O Lord. AMEN.

*Rowland Williams*

**O** GOD, the Eternal Source of all life, we rejoice that there are no bounds to Thy love. We thank Thee that Thou hast given us all things richly to enjoy. May we learn that Thy bounties are for all human beings. Make the hearts of men eager that the ignorant, the lowly, the poor, the wayward, may come into the full estate of knowing that they are the children of God. Let them in no way be denied that joy of unfolding the divinity within them.

Lead us all into those fields of labor where we can be our best selves and develop our lives by what we do to meet the growing demands of truth and love and goodness. May we in vision see the new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. Save us from doubt of the future and from fear of the things that change. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

*A. R. Scott*

**L**ORD, take my lips, and speak through them; take my mind, and think through it; take my heart, and set it on fire. AMEN.

*William Aitken*

**F**ATHER in Heaven, we are Thy children. Thou hast called us Thine and Thou hast taught us to call Thee Father. Help us this day to be strong and of good courage. May our minds be alert and our souls wide awake. Lead us in the right path for Thy Name's sake. Teach us Thy way. May we be moved only by right motives. Teach us the secret of unselfish lives. In time of trouble may we have peace in our hearts. In time of danger may we see clearly what to do and have the power to do it. And this we ask for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

*Charles Carrol Albertson*

**O** ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, we humbly pray Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing to this Brotherhood, that all its members, being inspired with lively faith and love, may earnestly strive to promote the honor due to Thy dear Son, the spread of His Church and the gathering of wanderers into the fold; give us grace to fulfill in our lives what we profess with our lips; deliver us, O God, from false doctrine and slackness of living; and grant that persevering unto the end, we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

**O** THOU mighty Friend of man, Thou art the Giver of all Good. As the father cares for his child, so dost Thou keep eternal vigil over all Thy children.

Without Thee there is no life, nor any joy. Thou hast made the world in all its beauty. Thou hast caused the sun to give us warmth and light. The shining stars obey Thy will; grant us Thy grace to keep Thy law.

Help us to be more faithful to Thy trust in us. Make us steadfast in every task Thou givest us to do. May we help others to be happy. And thus, as Thy loyal sons, we will work with Thee forever, in Thy Kingdom, for Jesus sake. AMEN.

*A Dartmouth Prayer*

**O** GOD, our Father, Thou Searcher of men's hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our religion be filled with gladness and may our worship of Thee be natural.

Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and suffer not our hatred of hypocrisy and pretence ever to diminish. Encourage us in our endeavor to live above the common level of life. Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole can be won. Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy. Guard us against flippancy and irreverence in the sacred things of life. Grant us new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service. Kindle our hearts in fellowship with those of a cheerful countenance, and soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow and suffer. May we find genuine pleasure in clean and wholesome mirth and feel inherent disgust for all

coarse-minded humor. Help us, in our work and in our play, to keep ourselves physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight, [that we may the better maintain the honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied, and acquit ourselves like men in our effort to realize the ideals of West Point in doing our duty to Thee and to our Country]. All of which we ask in the name of the Great Friend and Master of men. AMEN.

*Chaplain Clayton E. Wheat*



**G**LORY, honor and praise be to Thee,  
 Our Lord Jesus Christ; may the  
 whole world adore Thee; blessed be  
 Thy Holy Name, Thou who didst deign to  
 be born of a humble virgin for the sake of  
 sinners; and blessed be Thy incomprehensible  
 goodness which caused Thee to die on the  
 cross for our ransom. O Jesus, Son of God,  
 Redeemer of mankind; we implore Thee to  
 be merciful to us, and to direct our lives here  
 by Thy grace so that later we shall rejoice in  
 Thy company in Thy Heavenly Kingdom for  
 ever. AMEN.

*An Old Irish Prayer*

**O** THOU, to whom our spirits turn, as the flowers turn to the sun, may no shadow of earth come between us this day, but may our souls be flooded with the light of Thy life and love, healing our hurts, cleansing our thoughts and renewing all our powers. Through the revelation of Thyself in Jesus Christ our Lord we may see the possibilities of our own lives and yield ourselves to the influences that will make us patient and forgiving, contented and grateful, true to ourselves and faithful to Thee. Make us Thy light-bearers in the world, holding forth the word of life that others may come into the freedom and joy of the truth, and so hasten the coming of Thy kingdom on earth. AMEN.

**O** GOD, our Heavenly Father, who has taught us how to be men through the example of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, give us the courage to take Him as our hero and ideal, that following in His footsteps, we may become daily stronger in self-control, more sympathetic in understanding the lives of others, and more conscious of Thy presence in the world. Be very patient with us as we begin the task of life, for without Thee we can never become our best. We ask this humbly in the name of Jesus, who died for us.  
**AMEN.**

*Hugh Birckhead*

O, grant to us so to love Thee with  
our heart, with all our mind, and  
our soul, and our neighbor for  
that the grace of charity and brotherly  
love dwell in us, and that all envy,  
and ill-will may die in us; and fill  
us with feelings of love, kindness and  
so that, by constantly rejoicing in  
the and good success of others, by  
sympathizing with them in their sorrows, and  
eschewing all harsh judgments and envious  
feelings may follow Thee, Who art  
true and perfect Love; through  
thy Lord. AMEN.

*Herman Page*

**O** GOD, Thou art our Father. Thou lovest us and carest for us always, supplying every need of the body and of the spirit. Thou hast given Thy Son to be our Savior, Thy Holy Spirit to be our Guide. May we love Thee with all our hearts for Thy great love to us and seek to order our lives by Thy love of truth. Make us faithful in every duty, kind to one another, and to all whom we meet. May we have the mind of Christ, the spirit of unselfishness and service. We cannot live as we ought to live unless Thou help us, and we pray that our sins may be forgiven, and that we may receive from Thee day by day strength to do Thy holy will. May we improve with diligence the opportunities afforded us of preparing ourselves for the tasks that await us in the days to come. May we be clean and pure in thought, speech and behavior, as becomes the children of God.

Show Thy favor unto all who are dear to us; fathers, mothers, friends, and to all who are associated with us here.

May Thy Kingdom come in the fulness of its power, that men everywhere may find in God their Father and in Christ their Lord,

and may we be united in love and brotherhood  
and peace, that Thy benediction may pass  
upon all the world.

And this we ask for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

*J. Ritchie Smith*

**W**E REJOICE that in all time men have found a refuge in Thee, and that prayer is the voice of love, the voice of pleading, and the voice of thanksgiving. Our souls overflow toward Thee like a cup when full; nor can we forbear; nor shall we search to see if our prayers have been registered, or whether of the things asked we have received much, or more, or anything. That we have had permission to feel ourselves in Thy presence, to take upon ourselves something of the light of Thy countenance, to have a consciousness that Thy thoughts are upon us, to experience the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in any measure — this is an answer to prayer transcending all things that we can think of. We are glad that we can glorify Thee, that we can rejoice Thee, that it does make a difference to Thee what we do, and that Thou dost enfold us in a consciousness of Thy sympathy with us, of how much Thou art to us, and of what we are to Thee. **AMEN.**

*Henry Ward Beecher*

**G**OD who created me  
 Nimble and light of limb,  
 In three elements free,  
 To run, to ride, to swim:  
 Not when the sense is dim,  
 But now from the heart of joy,  
 I would remember Him;  
 Take the thanks of a boy.

Jesu, King and Lord,  
 Whose are my foes to fight,  
 Gird me with Thy sword,  
 Swift and sharp and bright.  
 Thee would I serve if I might,  
 And conquer if I can;  
 From day-dawn till night,  
 Take the strength of a man.

*Hugh Birckhead*



**F**ATHER, with thankful and humble hearts we appear before Thee. We would thank Thee for all the benefits that we have received from Thy goodness: It is to Thy blessing we owe what success we have found. Every opportunity for doing good; every impulse in the right way; each victory we have gained over ourselves; every thought of Thy presence, O Father; every silent but loving glance on the example of our Pattern, Thy Son our Lord — all are alike Thy gifts to us. Give us strength and wisdom to walk faithfully and joyfully in the way of willing obedience to Thy laws, and cheerful trust in Thy love. The best thanksgiving we can offer to Thee is to live according to Thy holy will; grant us every day to offer it more perfectly, and to grow in the knowledge of Thy will and the love thereof, for evermore. AMEN.

*Michael Sailer*

**O** GOD, who hast given unto us Thy Son to be an example and to help us in our weakness in following the path that leadeth unto life, grant us so to be His disciples that we may tread in His footsteps.  
**AMEN.**

*Roman Breviary*

**W**ATCH over our school, O Lord, as its years increase, and bless and guide her sons wherever they may be, keeping them ever unspotted from the world. Let their hearts be warm with the flame of their boyhood's ideals, their faith unshaken, their principles immovable. Be Thou by their side when the dark hour shall come upon them; strengthen them when they stand, comfort and help them when they are weak-hearted, raise them up if they fall. Let the cross never grow dim to their eyes, but through the struggles and suffering that may attend their steps, let its radiance lead them heavenward, and in their hearts may Thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life. AMEN.

*W. A. Gardner*

TY GOD, our Heavenly Father, who art the only source of light and life, send down upon this school of Thy Good Spirit, that Thy scholars sincerely sought, faithfully received.

Teachers with wisdom, zeal and

zeal with the spirit of truth, and holiness. May they day by day increase in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Grant this school such a cheerful spirit, such strength of body, and purity of heart, that Thy work may be bravely done and Thy name

glorified. Give us Thy blessing and rest upon us now and Thy presence in this place from generation to generation through Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*Bishop Lawrence*

**G**OD of Love and of infinite compassion, who hath taught us to call Thee "Our Father who art in heaven" and hath revealed that "like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that love Him." We approach Thy Throne with reverence and humility.

We have sinned and come short of Thy glory. When we would do good, evil is present with us. Yet, Lord, we never can be satisfied until we awake in Thy likeness. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving kindness. According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions.

Especially at this time we ask Thy blessing, upon our country. We praise Thee for her glorious history and for the exalted ideals for which she has continually stood. We pray that she may be guarded from evil of every sort; from an undue dependence upon material resources; from everything which in any way weakens her dependence upon God. Grant that her honor may be very dear to us, and help us all to be loyal citizens of our country

as we are servants of our Heavenly Father.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*M. P. Tilling*

**O** LORD, we would forget our disappointed hopes and fears, and lean on Thee, our Comfort and Strength. Still every passion, rebuke every doubt, strengthen every element of good within us, that we may manifest Thy truth and love. Kindle within us a flame of heavenly devotion so that to work for Thee shall become real joy and that to rest in Thee shall become energy. Save us from pride and from all pettiness; from a disposition to be uncharitable and inconsiderate in our attitude toward others. Enable us to give a smile instead of a frown; a cheerful and kindly word instead of harshness and bitterness. Let the reign of Thy love be established in us and rule out all sin so that our dealings with men may be in accordance with the word of Christ. Supply to us this strength that we so much need, according to the richness and fulness of Thy great mercy. AMEN.

*Donald Wheeler*

**O** GOD, our Heavenly Father, make us honest and sincere in worshipping Thee. Give us habits of attention that will enable us to get the most out of our hours of prayer and praise. Forgive us for hiding our desire for fellowship with Thee from our fellows who, doubtless, have the same heart hunger. Give us a love for truth and openness, even to the point of a frank confession of our lack of faith. Develop within us a capacity for receiving Divine Truth and making an application of it to our daily duties and, privileges. Quell, O Heavenly Father, through Thy Holy Spirit, the conflict within our hearts between the forces of good and evil, so that we will become whole men, with undivided desires, and what we would be will be identical with what we are.

Use the songs that we sing to awaken nobler aspirations within us. Speak to us, personally, through Thy Word, even though it means reproof for our failure to do our best and may our thoughts go with our words in all of our prayers, as we ask for clear minds, pure hearts and aspirations that are acceptable unto Thee.  
**AMEN.**

*William H. Matthews*



**G**RANT us, O Lord God, that we may love one another unfeignedly; for where love is, there art Thou; and he that loveth his brother is born of Thee, and dwelleth in Thee, and Thou in him. And where brethren do glorify Thee with one accord, there dost Thou pour out Thy blessing upon them. Love us, therefore, O Lord, and shed Thy love into our hearts, that we may love Thee, and our brethren in Thee and for Thee, as all children to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy divine Majesty; provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Church of England*

**O** GOD. All meeting is Thy Meeting. All speech is Thy Speech. All hearing is Thy Hearing. All action is Thy Cause. All being is Thy Bounty, and apart from Thy Bounty no life is.

O God. Behold us awakened and active in our desire to enter the Kingdom of the Glory of Thy Cause. Behold us united in the endeavor to attain servitude to Thee. Behold us firm in our reliance upon Thy Confirmation.

Thou art the All Powerful. Thou art the Creator and Sustainer of the Reality of man. Thou art the Generous, the Merciful. By Thy Manifestation is the Manifestation of God. By Thy Sacrifice is the Victory of God in this world and in the world to come. AMEN.

*Horace Holley*

**O**UR DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER,  
 for the grace that permits us to come  
 to Thee, we thank Thee and pray  
 that its work in our hearts may make us Thy  
 worthy children.

But for Thy love and grace our sins would  
 ruin us. Thou hast provided a remedy.  
 For Thy forgiveness we thank Thee while  
 praying that we, by Thy Spirit, may be kept  
 in the enjoyment of Thy favor. We want to  
 be good and brave and strong to do always the  
 right. Thou art our Heavenly Father and  
 Thou knowest all our need and for the promise  
 of its supply, through Christ, we thank Thee.

Let Thy gentleness make us great. Let Thy  
 Spirit make us true. Help us always to show  
 our love for and loyalty to Thee by following  
 the example of Thy dear Son our Savior.

For the dear free land in which we live we  
 thank Thee. May our love for it find con-  
 stant expression in devotion to the ideals that  
 have made it what it is, and may we never  
 dishonor its flag nor discredit its laws but al-  
 ways contribute to its glory by the practice of  
 righteousness, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

*Commander Evangeline Booth*

**G**IVE me clean hands, clean words, and  
clean thoughts. Help me to stand  
for the hard right against the easy  
wrong.

Save me from habits that harm.

Teach me to work as hard and play as fair in  
Thy sight alone as if all the world saw.

Forgive me when I am unkind, and help me to  
forgive those who are unkind to me.

Keep me ready to help others at some cost to  
myself.

Send me chances to do a little good every day,  
and to grow more like Christ. AMEN.

*Wm. De Witt Hyde*

**O** LORD, watch Thou over the path we are treading. Perhaps Thou hast ordained that it will be neither short nor easy but give us strength to fight the good fight without fear or trembling. If any of us must fall we beseech Thee, Oh Lord, that it will be with our faces toward the enemy.  
**AMEN.**

*Queen Marie of Roumania*

**O** LORD, by all Thy dealings with us, whether of joy or pain, of light or darkness, let us be brought to Thee. Let us value no treatment of Thy grace simply because it makes us happy or because it makes us sad, because it gives us or denies us what we want; but may all that Thou sendest us bring us to Thee, that, knowing Thy perfectness, we may be sure in every disappointment that Thou art still loving us, and in every darkness that Thou art still enlightening us, and in every enforced idleness that Thou art still using us — yea, in every death that Thou art giving us life, as in His death Thou didst give life to Thy Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

*Phillips Brooks*

**W**E BESEECH Thee, Lord and Master, to be our help and succor. Save those who are in tribulation; have mercy on the lonely; lift up the fallen; show Thyself unto the needy; heal the ungodly; convert the wanderers of Thy people; feed the hungry; raise up the weak; comfort the faint-hearted. Let all the people know that Thou art God alone, and Jesus Christ is Thy Son, and we are Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture; for the sake of Christ Jesus. AMEN.

*St. Clement*



**O** H THOU who didst send Thine own Boy out into the world to face temptation and to win character, we rejoice that Thou dost know every experience that comes to us as boys; our meeting evil as it appeals to us in different forms, our meeting good as it asks our allegiance and zeal.

We thank Thee that Jesus stood all the tests of growing youth, said *no* to evil and *yes* to good, was loyal to the highest wishes of His home, held Himself upright, and constantly grew in the respect of people and in the favor of God.

We thank Thee that He passed through the very same period of life that we are passing through, never breaking down in His right purposes, but winning out through patience, prayer and watchfulness, making a noble man of Himself and doing a splendid work for others.

We believe that we too can succeed as did He. And we mean to do so. And to that end we pledge Thee today to seek Thy guidance in every affair of our lives, in all our studies, in all our games, in all our pleasures, in all our friendships, in all letters we write or re-

ceive. And we likewise pledge Thee that if anything goes wrong with us we will repent of the wrong, we will turn away from it, and we will come straight to Thee, to know Thy will the better, and to do Thy will the better; and that we will try, with Thy help, to be like Jesus, in our day and in our place, strong, pure and true. AMEN.

*James G. K. McClure*

**O** GOD, The Father of the forsaken, the Help of the weak, Supplier of the needy, who hast diffused and proportioned Thy gifts to body and soul, in such sort that all may acknowledge and perform the joyous duty of mutual service; who teachest us that love towards the race of man is the bond of perfectness, and the imitation of Thy blessed self; open our eyes and touch our hearts, that we may see and do, both for this world and for that which is to come, the things which belong unto our peace. Strengthen us in the work which we have undertaken; give us counsel and wisdom, perserverance, faith and zeal, and in Thine own good time, and according to Thy pleasure, prosper the issue. Pour into us the spirit of humility; let nothing be done but in devout obedience to Thy will, thankfulness for Thine unspeakable mercies, and love to Thine adorable Son, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*Earl of Shaftesbury*

**F**OR flowers that bloom about our feet;  
For tender grass so fresh and sweet;  
For song of bird and hum of bee;  
For all things fair we hear and see,  
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky;  
For pleasant shade of branches high;  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee!  
*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**O**UR HEAVENLY FATHER give us renewed power to overcome our faults. Give us a renewed spirit of goodwill toward all our fellow beings. Give us a firmer faith in Thee and in all the promises of Thy Holy Word. Help us to follow those lines of action which will bring us peace, honor and happiness. And by Thy Holy Spirit guide us each day in the way that goeth upward through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. AMEN.

*Dean Charles R. Brown*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, Thou hast sent Thy Son, Jesus Christ, to teach us how to live our lives; to give us power to conquer the temptations which beset us and to forgive our sins. We humbly seek this day His great help. Sin has come into our minds, and hearts and habits and brought remorse and penalty to us, pain and heartache to our loved ones, and estrangement from Thee. We confess our sins before Thee this day. Forgive us, we beseech Thee. Create within us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Purge us thoroughly from our iniquities and cleanse us from our sin.

May we live our lives before Thee as worthy followers of the Great Master, Jesus Christ. May we go about doing good. Help us so to live that we may remind our fellows of Christ, not only in the name Christian, which we bear but in the Christ spirit which is manifest.

Inspire us to follow Him daily. May we spurn the unfair, the unjust and unkindly act. Help us to be more and more conquered by His love of the pure and true and His standards of high honor.

Guide us in days of preparation that we may

use them wisely; that we may fit ourselves for high paths of service. Help us to rise above the smallness of self to seek a worthy task in the midst of the world's work, one which will bless our fellowmen and set forward the Kingdom of God. Save us from the abject love of gold, and from the waste of useless life.

We bless Thee for all inspirations that have come to us from the past; from parents, from teachers, from the good and Godly men and women of the past, and from the great Church of Jesus Christ.

May we not only gratefully receive this heritage from the past but so live as to pass it, enlarged and enriched, to those who follow us.

Almighty God, Thou art all holy and all good, yet Thou hast taught us to call Thee "Father," and in the spirit of children we present our petition. Hear us for His name's sake, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. AMEN.

*A. W. Beaven*

**F**ATHER OF LIGHTS, by whose hand the fires of the sun are fed, and who hast kindled in our hearts the desire to know; we bless Thee for leading us into a life wherein light and darkness are wondrously mingled. For the darkness and for the light we praise Thee. O Thou in whose being the simplicity and mystery of life do meet together, cleanse our prayers with the sanctity of reason, ennoble our reasonings with the majesty of prayer, and so bring us onward through darkness and through light, till we behold the power that maketh the stars and the love that exalteth our hearts, through Him who is the light of the world, our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*Henry Sylvester Nash*



**O** LORD GOD, Who hast taught us to pray all together, and has promised to hear the united voices of two or three invoking Thy Name; hear now, O Lord, the prayers of Thy servants unto their salvation, and give us peace in this world and in the world to come life everlasting; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord AMEN.

*Old Armenian Prayer*

**L**OVING FATHER: enter into my heart that I may love Thee with all my strength and serve Thee with all my mind. Forgive the failures and the sins which I renounce before Thee. So direct and control my inner life that I may ever think on whatsoever things are true and pure and lovely. Keep me outwardly in my body and inwardly in my soul, and sustain me in self-reverence and self-control. Help me to discharge every duty which Thou dost lay upon me, and give me courage and a cheerful spirit and a great faith before which may vanish every mountain of fear and doubt and anxiety.

Here and now do I offer and present myself unto Thee in every faculty of my being; and grant that this my offering may be holy and acceptable in Thy sight. Put within me the mind of Christ, Who pleased not Himself, but took upon Him the burdens of others and freely laid down His life that all Thy children might share His blessedness. May it be that I shall live the unselfish life even as He lived it. Inspire me with the supreme ambition of leaving the world somewhat better than I found it, and to this end bless all my work, and study, and

play so that I may be the better fitted to do  
Thy will, and to come off more than conqueror  
in the battle of life. This prayer I make in  
Christ's Holy Name. AMEN.

*Samuel Mc Comb*

**O**UR HEAVENLY FATHER, we want to be Thy children. We confess that we have not always desired this. This fact is a great surprise to ourselves, but then we don't understand ourselves. Thou knowest us all together. Thou knowest our frame. Thou rememberest that we are dust. Therefore, Thou pitiest us like a father. We thank Thee for showing us in Jesus Christ how to become Thy children. He taught us to call Thee "Our Father." This knowledge makes us glad. Truly, God is love, and Thy love is broader than the measure of man's mind. "God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." It pleased Thee in bringing many sons into glory to make, our Lord Jesus, Thy well-beloved Son, who is the Author of our salvation, perfect through suffering. This is love unspeakable. We cannot understand it, but we rejoice in it and live because of it. We love Thee, therefore, because Thou hast first loved us. We desire to prove this love by our lives. Do Thou, enlighten our minds, warm our hearts, quicken our consciences, purify our

desires, control our motives, and perfect our purposes.

Oh, our Father, we face many great and subtle temptations. Bring us off more than conquerors through Him that loved us. Help us to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ, to put on the whole armor of Christ, to fight the good fight of faith, to lay hold of eternal life. What soldiers we shall then be! What splendid service we shall then render to our fellowmen when we are girded with truth, having the breast-plate of righteousness, shod with the Gospel of Peace, shielded by faith, helmeted with salvation and wielding the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Dear Father, no one can ever rob us of our God-given rights, liberties, honors, powers, possessions if we thus daily serve Thee as soldiers, using all prayer and watching capably and constantly. All this we can only do by letting Thee come and live by Thy Holy Spirit in us. We will ever pray:

Come, dearest Lord descend and dwell

By faith and love in every breast;

Then shall we know and taste and feel

The joys that cannot be expressed.

AMEN.

*Robert Watson*

**D**EAR HEAVENLY FATHER, help us to come to thee as gladly and as certain of welcome as when we go to our fathers, or mothers. We need Thee, for we are weak and we have sinned against Thee. But Thou dost pity our weaknesses, and dost love us in spite of our sins. This Thou hast told us in Thy Word, therefore we come boldly to Thee. We are sorry we have ever done wrong. Forgive us for Jesus' sake and make and keep us good. Cleanse our hearts; purify our thoughts. Incline us to love Thy Word, to keep Thy Commandments and to serve Thee with gladness. Help us to be kind and courteous and helpful at home; true to our friends; forgiving to those who wrong us; sympathetic and generous to all, but especially to the aged, the poor, the sick and all who are, in any way, afflicted. Bless our country. Give wisdom and courage and the spirit of truth and justice to all who are elected to rule, and guide us into all righteousness and peace. Make and keep us worthy of the liberties we enjoy, and thankful for every blessing of life. For Jesus' sake. **AMEN.**

*Commander Evangeline Booth*

**O** LORD, OUR GOD, we come to worship Thee. Our souls wait upon Thee for Thou art our salvation. We are young and have so much, but all is valueless without Thee. We desire to build these lives of ours upon a solid foundation. Be Thou our Rock! "Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, Jesus Christ, the Righteous."

Make us wise. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Reverently, we come to Thee, trusting, asking. "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not." Set our hearts to trust in Thee at all times. Help us to select the best materials for building into our lives upon this permanent foundation Jesus Christ. May we reject the cheap, the shoddy, the showy, the false, the hay and stubble of this world that cannot stand the test of the fire.

Give us the gift of selection that we may choose the pure, the lovely, the noble, the just, the silver and gold and precious stones of life to build into our characters — then we shall be building not only for time but for eternity, for

nothing can destroy these life materials. To do these things we must wait upon Thee not only in public worship but in private devotion. Teach us to pray, to work, to study, to play, to do everything with Thee and for Thee. Help us to be teachable. We want to be like clay in Thy hands that Thou mayest make us for Thyself. We wait on Thee, do Thou renew our strength. Trusting Thee, we would be of good courage and fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless and deliver. We know our task is great, it is to make ourselves men. Lord, we glory in the task when we are assured of Thy help. We resolve, therefore, to do according to all which Thou hast revealed to us in Thy Word, then we shall know our way shall be prosperous and that we shall have good success.

Above all else, we seek to know Jesus Christ that we may companion with Him constantly. Help us by Thy Holy Spirit so to do. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

*Robert Watson*



**A**LMIGHTY GOD, of Thy fulness grant to us who need so much, who lack so much, who have so little, wisdom and strength. Bring our wills unto Thine. Lift our understandings into Thy heavenly light; that we thereby beholding those things which are right, and being drawn by Thy love, may bring our wills and our understanding together to Thy service, until at last, body and soul and spirit may be all Thine, and Thou be our Father and our Eternal Friend. AMEN.

*George Dawson*

**G**RANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the Giver and Guide of all reason, that we may always be mindful of the nature, of the dignity, and of the privileges with which Thou hast honored us, that we may act in all things as becomes free agents, to the subduing and governing of our passions, to the refining them from flesh and sense, and to the rendering them subservient to excellent purposes. Grant us also Thy favorable assistance in the forming and directing of our judgment, and enlighten us with Thy truth, that we may discern those things which are really good, and having discovered them, may love and cleave steadfastly to the same. And, finally, disperse we pray Thee, those mists which darken the eyes of our mind, so that we may have a perfect understanding, and know both God and man, and what to each is due. **AMEN.**

*Old Prayer*

**O**UR HEAVENLY FATHER, we would worship Thee as the great and sovereign God of all the Universe. We thank Thee for all the blessings and privileges of life; its comforts and its joys; its opportunities and its aspirations; its friendships and its associations. All of these we recognize as gifts from Thee.

Father, we pray that Thou wilt make us worthy of Thy love. Forgive us for those things wherein we have failed Thee. Take out of our life all that is base and selfish and unclean. Fill us with worthy purposes, noble thoughts and Christlike manliness. Make us to be like Him who is our pattern and our ideal.

Give us moral courage to live out our best selves in Thy service. Use us this day to help some other fellow in the life which he should live.

Lord, be Thou our Companion during the days that are before us. Give us of Thy strength to resist life's temptations and to accomplish life's objectives. May each day find us faithful to our calling and honoring Thy name.

All this, and whatever else we need, we ask  
in the name of Thy Son, our Savior and  
Mediator, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*P. K. Emmons*

**G**OD, our Heavenly Father, quicken in us, we beseech Thee, every good and pure thought, and strengthen us in our devout resolves this day. Let not unhallowed words pollute the tongues which Thou hast made to praise and bless Thee; no evil action defile the sanctuaries which Thou hast, in Thy wondrous mercy, chosen for Thyself. Remove whatever in us may be a hindrance to holy living, or a stumbling block in another's way. May our trust in Thee, and our kindness to one another, never fail. May we bring to Thee, not only a humble spirit of obedience, but also great love. O Lord God, make us what Thou wouldst have us to be, and may we do what Thou wouldst have us do; only be Thou ever with us to cleanse and renew, to teach, rule, and sustain. **AMEN.**

*Martineau's Service Book*

**T**HEE, Father, Spirit, Son,  
We joyfully adore;  
We bless the Eternal Three in One,  
Who reigns for evermore:  
Thou glorious Trinity,  
By earth and Heaven adored,  
We glorify, we worship Thee,  
The universal Lord.

*Edwin F. Hatfield*

**O** GOD, Thou great Companion of our hearts, our fairest vision of mercy and truth, of love and justice, we commune with Thee in all our ways of life.

In Thy presence, as from a noble height, we behold the far-stretching vistas of our days; great things become great and small things, small. In the warmth of great love our hearts open to wisdom and beauty and move with kindness and patient sympathy. Our wills are strengthened toward goodness and against evil. Our joy is multiplied in every earnest task and in all good pleasures.

With Thee we would be co-workers to redeem the waste places within and without. Renew our faith in the gracious kingdom of love and righteousness and may we have the will of Christ to labor for its coming in all the world. **AMEN.**

*Edward S. Ames*

**O** GOD, from whom we have received life and all earthly blessings, vouchsafe to give us each day what we need; give unto all of us strength to perform faithfully our appointed tasks; bless the work of our hands and of our minds. Grant that we may ever serve Thee, in sickness and in health, in necessity and in abundance; sanctify our joys and our trials; and give us grace to seek first Thy kingdom and its righteousness, in the sure and certain faith that all else shall be added unto us. AMEN.

*Eugene Bersier*



**O** LORD, we acknowledge Thy dominion over us; our life, our death, our soul and body, all belong to Thee. Oh, grant that we may willingly consecrate them all to Thee, and use them in Thy service. Let us walk before Thee in childlike simplicity, steadfast in prayer; looking ever unto Thee, that whatsoever we do or abstain from we may in all things follow the least indications of Thy will. Become Lord of our hearts and spirits; that the whole inner man may be brought under Thy rule, and that Thy life of love and righteousness may pervade all our thoughts and energies and the very ground of our souls; that we may be wholly filled with it. Come, O Lord and King, enter into our hearts, and live and reign there for ever and ever. O faithful Lord, teach us to trust Thee for life and death, and to take Thee for our All in All. AMEN.

*Gerhard Tersteegen*

**O** GOD, who hast in mercy taught us how good it is to follow the holy desires which Thou manifoldly puttest into our hearts, and how bitter is the grief of falling short of whatever beauty our minds behold, strengthen us, we beseech Thee, to walk steadfastly throughout life in the better path which our hearts once chose; and give us wisdom to tread it prudently in Thy fear, as well as cheerfully in Thy love; so that, having been faithful to Thee all the days of our life here, we may be able hopefully to resign ourselves into Thy hands hereafter. **AMEN.**

*Rowland Williams*

**O** GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. AMEN.

*Gregorian Church*

**A**LMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, the Fountain of all goodness, who knowest the thoughts of our hearts, we confess unto Thee that we have sinned against Thee, and done evil in Thy sight. Wash us, we beseech Thee, from the stains of our past sins, and give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things; so that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth worthy fruits of repentance.

O Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. O Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. O Eternal Power, be Thou our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. Grant unto us that with all our hearts, and minds, and strength, we may evermore seek Thy face; and finally bring us, in Thine infinite mercy, to Thy holy presence. So strengthen our weakness that, following in the footsteps of Thy blessed Son, we may obtain Thy mercy, and enter into Thy promised joy. AMEN.

*Albinus Flaccus Alcuinus*

**O** LORD, our Guide even unto death,  
 grant us, we pray Thee, grace to fol-  
 low Thee whithersoever Thou goest.  
 In little daily duties to which Thou callest us,  
 bow down our wills to simple obedience, pa-  
 tience under pain or provocation, strict truth-  
 fulness of word and manner, humility, kind-  
 ness: in great acts of duty or perfection if  
 Thou shouldest call us to them, uplift us to  
 self-sacrifice, heroic courage, laying down of  
 life for Thy Truth's sake or for a brother.  
**AMEN.**

*C. G. Rossetti*

**O** LORD, our Heavenly Father, by whose Spirit man is taught knowledge, who givest wisdom to all that ask Thee; grant Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, to all who serve Thee here, whether as teachers or learners, and help us in the work which Thou hast given us to do. Enable us to labor diligently and faithfully, not with eye-service, but in singleness of heart, remembering that without Thee we can do nothing, and that in Thy fear is the beginning of wisdom. May we set Thy holy will ever before us, and do that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight, so that our work here may count for good to others, both now and in the days to come. Open Thou our eyes to know Thy marvellous works, to search our own spirits, and to understand the wondrous things of Thy law. Of Thy great goodness pour into our hearts the excellent gift of charity, and grant that in meekness and truth and purity we may glorify Thee, the Father of lights, in the spirit of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Book of Common Worship*

**A**Lmighty FATHER, enter Thou our hearts, and so fill us with Thy love, that, forsaking all evil desires, we may embrace Thee, our only good. Show unto us, for Thy mercies' sake, O Lord our God, what Thou art unto us. Say unto our souls, I am thy salvation. So speak that we may hear. Our hearts are before Thee; open our ears; let us hasten after Thy voice, and take hold on Thee. Hide not Thy face from us, we beseech Thee, O Lord. Enlarge Thou the narrowness of our souls, that Thou mayest enter in. Repair the ruinous mansions, that Thou mayest dwell there. Hear us, O Heavenly Father, for the sake of Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.

*St. Augustine*

**O** THOU who art the Life of all that lives, the Strength of the weak, and the Hope of those that be cast down, inform our minds with Thy Truth, we beseech Thee, and our hearts with righteousness; strengthen our wills to choose the good and to refuse the evil; help us to bear each other's burdens, to forgive one another's faults, and to forbear with every defect of judgment and of temper in those with whom we live and who daily help us. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Professor Knight*



**O** GOD, our Heavenly Father, we Thy children come now to Thy feet with our supplications. We cannot live without Thy blessing. Life is too hard for us, duty is too large. We get discouraged, and our feeble hands hang down. We come to Thee with our weakness, asking Thee for strength. Help us always to be of good cheer. Let us not be disheartened by difficulties. Let us never doubt Thy love or any of Thy promises. Give us grace to be encouragers of others, never discouragers. Let us not go about with sadness or fear among men, but may we be a benediction to everyone we meet, always making life easier, never harder, for those who come within our influence. Help us to be as Christ to others, that they may see something of His love in our lives, and learn to love Him in us. We beseech Thee to hear us, to receive our prayer, and to forgive our sins; for the sake of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*J. R. Miller*

**O** THOU unseen source of peace and holiness, may we come to Thy secret place and be filled with Thy solemn light. As we come to Thee how can we but remember when we have been drawn aside from the straight and narrow way, when we have not walked lovingly with each other and humbly with Thee, when we have feared what is not terrible, and wished for what is not holy in Thy sight.

In our weakness be Thou the quickening power of life. Arise within our hearts as healing strength and joy. Make us obedient to Thy pure and righteous thought. Inspire us with the divine faith, subdue us to the lowly practice of those who have lived as fellow-workers with Thee.

Day by day may we grow in faith, in self-denial and charity, in the purity of heart by which we may see Thee, and the larger life of love to which Thou callest us. AMEN.

*James Martineau*

**O**H, FOR the faith that works inwardly by love and purifies the heart; the faith that works outwardly by love, and makes the evil good, the good better!

So with hearts and hands may we give our selves to do the work of Him who sent us, while it is yet day; and while we joyfully accept the thousand unasked blessings which make our cup run over, may we count among those blessings all the drops of wholesome bitterness that mingle with the sweet; may we grow strong to endure hardness as good soldiers.

May ours be the helping hand for the weak; may we be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, as we are comforted of God. So may all our life be prayer, and may each one of us be as the good tree, divinely nourished at the root, and bringing forth good fruit for the refreshment of mankind and the glory of the Heavenly Husbandman. **AMEN.**

*Charles J. Ames*

**H**ELP us, O Lord, to find our daily success in selling our lives as dearly in service as our days may bring opportunity, and to regard as the only failure a coming short of what Thou dost expect of us!

Help us, O Lord, to live on the open sea of Thine all-reaching love, and to move with the currents of Thy power; to fill life's sails with the fresh winds of spiritual truth and freedom; to sail up and down life's glorious coast, carrying a heaven-scented cargo of better life to men; to be conscious less of effort and more of power; to see the needy men on the shore and bring them the Bread of Life; trusting always that when the sails grow gray and the spars and planks begin to groan in the gale, Heaven's safe harbor may welcome in peace the Captain of the Abundant Life. **AMEN.**

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; we beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor, glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties; preserve our unity; fashion into one happy people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, to the end that there be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law we show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*A Prayer Book for Soldiers*

**O**UR FATHER IN HEAVEN; we praise Thee for all the daily mercies Thou dost grant us to enjoy. For health and friends and for the homes we love, for the tasks which makes us stronger, for the knowledge of Thy truth and the assurance of Thy love, we thank Thee, and we rejoice in the larger life of sympathy and service to which Thou art calling us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Forgive us, dear Father, if we have offended Thee. For all envy and indolence, for cowardice, for unkindness, for selfish or evil desires grant us Thy pardon.

Strengthen us, as good soldiers of Christ, to fight against every enemy of our souls; enable us to stand valiantly for what is true and right and generous and kind; help us ever so to live that at last we may receive from our Lord His praise and His promised crown.

Remember our dear ones with all the gifts of Thy grace; protect the liberty and increase the prosperity of the land we love; bring peace and light and a sense of brotherhood to the nations of the world; and may Thy Kingdom

come on earth as it is in Heaven, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Charles R. Erdman*

**O**UR FATHER, we thank Thee that Thy mercies are still upon us, and that Thy love wraps us round about. We bless Thee for the joy of existence, and for every good and beautiful thing Thou hast put into our lives. Thou hast set beauty in all the world about us, and Thou dost seek us through every sense we have. We know that Thou art merciful, for there has never been a moment of our lives in which Thou hast dealt with us according to our sins. We bless Thee for the exceeding riches of Thy grace, and for Thy kindness toward us. Continue to be with us all our lives and keep us in Thy grace, so that we may be freed from the evils which beset our pathway. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*D. F. McGill*



**O** GOD, our Heavenly Father, who hast commanded us to love one another as Thy children, and hast ordained the highest friendship in the bond of Thy Spirit, we beseech Thee to maintain and preserve us always in the same bond, to Thy glory and our mutual comfort, with all those to whom we are bound by any special tie, either of nature or of choice; that we may be perfected together in that love which is from above, and which never faileth when all other things shall fail. Send down the dew of Thy heavenly grace upon us, that we may have joy in each other that passeth not away; and, having lived together in love here, according to Thy commandment, may live for ever together with them, being made one in Thee, in Thy glorious Kingdom hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Hicke's Devotions*

**O** HEAVENLY FATHER, the Author  
and Fountain of all Truth, the  
bottomless Sea of all understanding,  
send, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit into  
our hearts, and lighten our understandings with  
the beams of Thy heavenly grace. We ask  
this, O merciful Father, for Thy dear Son, our  
Saviour, Jesus Christ's sake. **AMEN.**

*Bishop Ridley*

**O** LORD, our Heavenly Father, who art ready to give good things to them that ask Thee, hear the supplications of Thy children, in our weakness and ignorance, and supply all our needs, in body and soul, according to Thy knowledge of our necessities and the fullness of Thy love. Strengthen us to keep Thy commandments. Deliver us from our infirmities, and uphold us with Thy free Spirit. Our work being well done, may we enjoy the fruits of our labor, in good conscience and a contented mind. And so direct us in all our ways, that we may have the light of Thy word upon our path, and the fellowship of Thy Spirit in our hearts, and may we continue among the faithful followers of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**O**UR FATHER who art in Heaven, we are Thy children, created in Thy image, redeemed by the blood of Thy Son, and dependent on Thy grace for all that we enjoy. Our health, our happiness, our food, our clothing, and many other good gifts are the evidence of Thy gracious care, and we pray that we may have grace and strength to honor Thee for what Thou hast done for us, by loving one another, and doing good unto all men, as we have opportunity. Come Thou, O Blessed Savior, and dwell within us by Thy Spirit, and teach us in all things to do Thy will. We have often been forgetful of Thee, and disobedient to Thy commands, and we pray that our sins may all be forgiven for Thine own name's sake. As we enter upon each new day, remind us of the fact that we can only hope to attain to the best success by Thy favor and blessing, and we would seek to make ourselves worthy of these, by so performing the common tasks of life as to honor Thy name. If we have difficult duties to perform, or dangerous temptations to meet, help us to realize

that our sufficiency is in Christ, and that all things are possible to him that believeth.

And all we ask is in the name of Christ, our Savior. AMEN.

*W. B. Smiley*

**M**OST heartily do we thank Thee, O Lord, for all Thy mercies of every kind, and for Thy loving care over all Thy creatures. We bless Thee for the gift of life, for Thy protection bound about us, for Thy guiding hand upon us, and for the many tokens of Thy love within us; especially for the saving knowledge of Thy dear Son, our Redeemer; and for the living presence of Thy Spirit, our Comforter. We thank Thee for friendship and duty, for good hopes and precious memories, for the joys that cheer us and for the trials that teach us to trust in Thee. In all these things, our Heavenly Father, make us wise unto a right use of Thy great benefits; and so direct us that in word and deed we may render an acceptable thanksgiving unto Thee, in Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN.

**O** THOU, the Maker and Father of all men, who dost reveal Thyself to us in the person and lives of men, in the loving care of father and mother, in the comradeship of brother and sister, we adore Thee and bless Thee for the gift of Thy Son our great Teacher and Hope, whose very name has become the symbol of justice and mercy to us and to all men everywhere.

Give us the faith and desire to strive like Him, and to go forward and not to leave off from following after Him; until we shall have builded unto our own lives the great manliness of our Teacher. So may we serve Thee and men, and help to spread abroad in our day the beauties of His glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

*A. W. Harris*

**G**RANT us, Lord Jesus Christ, to serve Thee all the days of our pilgrimage in simplicity of heart and childlike faith. Thine is the power and majesty and dominion, yet Thou wast made a child, and Thou hast loved and blessed the children of the earth. We come into Thy presence with all humility, seeking the childlike heart which Thou wilt use and bless. Deliver us from pride and vainglory, from ruinous ambition for the praise of man, from needless entanglements with the affairs of this world and with the company of evildoers. Cure us of self-deception, that we may hate our sin and find our rest in Thee. Make us wise concerning that which is good, simple concerning evil, pure in heart and of a cheerful spirit. So furnish us for use and help among our fellow men. And Thine shall be our service and our praise forevermore. AMEN.

*I. O. Rankin*



**F**ROM infirmity of purpose, from want of earnest care and interest, from the sluggishness of indolence, and the slackness of indifference, and from all spiritual deadness of heart, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From dullness of conscience, from feeble sense of duty, and from thoughtless disregard of others, from a low ideal of the obligations of our position, and from all half-heartedness in our work, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Give us knowledge of ourselves, our powers and weaknesses. Teach us by Thy Word, by the judgments of others, by examination of ourselves; give us earnest desire to strengthen ourselves continually by study, by diligence, by prayer and meditation, and from all delusions and prejudices, individual and corporate, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. AMEN.

*Bishop Ridding*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, who art the Giver of all wisdom; enlighten our understandings with knowledge of right, and so govern our wills by Thy laws, that no deceit may mislead us, nor temptation corrupt us; that we may always endeavor to do good, and to hinder evil. Amidst all the hopes and fears of this world, take not Thy Holy Spirit from us; but grant that our thoughts may be fixed on Thee, and that we may finally attain everlasting happiness, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

*Book of Common Worship*

**S**LAY utterly, Oh Lord, and cast down the sin which does so easily beset us; bridle the unholy affection; stay the unlawful thought; chasten the temper; regulate the spirit; correct the tongue; bend the will and the worship of our souls to Thee, and so sanctify and subdue the whole inward man, that setting up Thy throne in our hearts, to the dethronement of all our idols, and the things of earth we hold too dear, Thou mayest reign there alone in the fullness of Thy grace, and the consolations of Thy presence, till the time arrives when we shall reign with Thee in glory. AMEN.

*Richard S. Brooke*

**G**LORY be to God on high, and on earth  
 peace, good will among men. We  
 praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-  
 ship Thee; we give thanks to Thee for Thy  
 glory; O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the  
 Father Almighty! O Lord, the only-begotten  
 Son Jesus Christ; and the Holy Ghost, O Lord  
 God! O Lamb of God! Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sins of the world, have  
 mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the  
 sins of the world, have mercy upon us, receive  
 our prayer. Thou that sittest upon the right  
 hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the  
 Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the  
 Father. AMEN.

*Alexandrian MS*

**O** GOD, Author of the world's joy,  
Bearer of the world's pain, make us  
glad that we are men and that we  
have inherited the world's burden; deliver us  
from the luxury of cheap melancholy; and, at  
the heart of all our trouble and sorrow, let  
unconquerable gladness dwell; through our  
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*Henry S. Nash*

**O** THOU Source of Holiness, Health and Beauty! Open our eyes to the glory and the wonder of life touched with mystic experience and filled with spiritual opportunity. Renouncing all faithless fears and vain regrets, may we live in the glad freedom of Thy children and do the work of the day in cheerfulness and hope. Whether Thou leadest us to joy or sorrow, pleasure or pain, success or failure, grant us to learn the secret of Thy peace and to do Thy will. AMEN.

*Samuel McComb*

**O** LORD, GOD, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, open our eyes that we may behold Thy Fatherly presence ever about us. Draw our hearts to Thee with the power of Thy love. Teach us to be anxious for nothing, and when we have done what Thou hast given us to do, help us, O God our Savior, to leave the issue to Thy wisdom. Take from us all doubt and mistrust. Lift our thoughts up to Thee in Heaven, and make us to know that all things are possible to us through Thy Son our Redeemer. AMEN.

*Bishop Westcott*

**T**O GOD the Father, God the Word, God the Spirit, we now pour forth most humble and hearty supplications; that He, remembering the calamities of mankind, and the pilgrimage of this our life, in which we wear out days few and evil, would please to open to us new refreshments out of the fountain of His goodness, for the alleviating of our miseries.

This also we humbly and earnestly beg, that human things may not prejudice such as are divine; neither that from the unlocking of the gates of sense, and the kindling of a greater natural light, doubts may arise in our minds toward divine mysteries. But, rather, that our minds thoroughly cleansed and purged from fancy and vanities, and yet subject and perfectly given up to the divine oracles, there may be given unto faith the things that are faith's. AMEN.

*Lord Bacon*



**I**N THE dawn of waking manhood,  
 When the air is fresh and clean,  
 We turn to Thee our Father,  
 Whom we trust but have not seen.  
 We ask for life unfailing —  
 For life that keeps its youth,  
 Immortal love and courage,  
 And white with light of truth.

We ask, our loving Father,  
 For hearts both wise and kind,  
 That seek the good in others,  
 And always beauty find.  
 We pray for hearts discerning,  
 So quick to know and feel,  
 That sympathy shall flower  
 In deeds and words that heal.

AMEN.

*C. B. Newton*

**E**TERNAL GOD, Thou uncreate and primal Light, Maker of all created things, Fountain of Pity, Thou Sea of Bounty, fathomless deep of Loving Kindness; lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us! Lord, shine in our hearts, true Sun of Righteousness, and fill our souls with Thy beauty.

Teach us always to keep in mind Thy judgments, and to discourse of them, and own Thee continually as our Lord and Friend. Govern by Thy will the work of our hands; and lead us in the right way, that we may do what is well-pleasing and acceptable to Thee, that through us, unworthy, Thy Holy Name may be glorified.

To Thee alone be praise and honor and worship eternally. AMEN.

*St. Basil*

**O** GOD, Who hast commanded that no man should be idle, give us grace to employ all our talents and facilities in the service appointed for us; that, whatsoever our hand findeth to do, we may do it with our might. Cheerfully may we go on in the road which Thou hast marked out, not desiring too earnestly that it should be more smooth or more wide; but, daily seeking our way by Thy light, may we trust ourselves and the issue of our journey to Thee the Fountain of Joy, and sing songs of praise as we go along. Then, O Lord, receive us at the gate of life which Thou hast opened for us in Christ Jesus. AMEN.

*Martineau*

**G**RANT us, O Lord God, that we may love one another unfeignedly; for where love is there art Thou; and he that loveth his brother is born of Thee, and dwelleth in Thee, and Thou in him. And where brethren do glorify Thee with one accord, there dost Thou pour out Thy blessing upon them. Love us, therefore, O Lord, and shed Thy love into our hearts, that we may love Thee, and our brethren in Thee and for Thee, as all children to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord AMEN.

*Book of Christian Prayers, 1578*

**O** GOD, Father of us all, who hast called us to live together in the spirit of Christian brotherhood, we thank Thee for the many and helpful contacts one with another, which make up so much of our daily life. We thank Thee that Thou dost enable us to recognize the good impulses, the worthy desires in each other's hearts. We bless Thee for the friendly words which we hear, and for the kindly deeds which we see in our midst.

Teach us to use more and more our opportunities for helpfulness. Lead us into an ever closer comradeship in the ways of honesty, kindness and purity. Give to us the confidence in one another that strengthens and cheers.

Enable us, we pray Thee, as we steer our course upon life's stream, to keep clear of the rocks so often hidden beneath the surface. Let not selfishness or sin in any form strand or wreck our lives. Direct us, through the guidance of Thy Spirit, so that we shall hold to the channel which Thou markest out for us.

Grant that in our hearts there shall rule the divine purpose of Jesus Christ. May we look

to Him as our common leader, seeking with one accord the power of His manhood. May we strive together to make our lives like His, and press forward shoulder to shoulder in His service. Thus, O God, wilt Thou use our united strength, and give to us the glad assurance of being fellow-workmen with Thee in the making of a better world. In Thy name we ask it. AMEN.

*Dumont Clarke*

**O** GOD, the King of Man, the Lord of Youth, without whom we can do nothing, but with whom we can do anything, help us, by Thy grace, to clean-minded and true-hearted living, so that when school is over and our work begun, and we join in the fight for all high and holy things, we may continue steadfastly in the same till our life's end. Save us from our easily besetting sins; slothfulness of mind, neglect of soul, indifference to the rights and needs of others. In the hour of bodily desire, when the inner light grows dim and darkness steals across the mind, make us to remember those we love and to fix our wills on the things of purity and honor and truth. Help us to fight the good fight and grant us the light and peace of moral victory for our reward. So may we rejoice in each day's work and play, revering ourselves, our fellowmen, and Thee. So may we come to the evening time at last undismayed and undishonored. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

*Albert Parker Fitch*

**O** ALMIGHTY and most merciful God,  
 receive these our humble prayers.  
 We are weak; but Thou art strong  
 and gracious. We have left undone this day  
 many things which we ought to have done; but  
 Thou art faithful and just to forgive the sins  
 of those who confess them unto Thee for  
 Christ's sake.

O show us the light of Thy countenance,  
 and we shall be whole. Guard us through the  
 coming night. Bless our nation, our school,  
 our friends; and grant us those things which  
 we have faithfully asked according to Thy will,  
 and whatever else we need, for the merits of  
 Thy Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*Brooke Foss Westcott*



**G**RANT us Thy grace, O God, at eventide. As the night shadows draw about the earth let shadows of our loss and fear depart and leave our spirits face to face with Thee in the sunlit rest of faith and calm repose. We have no secrets from Thy love that reads all our desires, and all our sins and griefs. Pardon and save and guide us evermore, and make our friends Thy charge for Jesus' sake. Thou knowest us altogether, and we rest content in Thy love and faithful care. Grant us with quiet hearts to sleep; with quickened trust, with joy that wakens with the dawn, to praise, to work with Thee, to share Thy widening plan and make each day a foretaste of the grace Heaven brings Thy children. Hear us, through Thy Son, and keep and bless us all our days. **AMEN.**

*I. O. Rankin*

**G**OD OF LIFE, we thank Thee for a man's chance to live. For all the clean and wholesome joys of trained and disciplined bodies; for the finer and more abiding joys of trained and disciplined minds; for the homes that have enriched us with countless blessings; for the friends whose strength and trueness add sunshine to the day; for all the happy memories of the past, the work and play of the present, the hope of fine achievement which irradiates the future, we give Thee hearty gratitude. And now as we bow before Thee, we would lift all these up in our hands and consecrate them whole-heartedly to Thy glory in the service of our fellows; not one talent unused, not one faculty undeveloped, not one opportunity neglected or grasped selfishly, but all devoted loyally to Thy will as we see it in Christ Jesus, to the growing of nobler characters and the building of a better world.

Forgive us not only for the wrong that we have done but for the low aims and evil desires that we have cherished; not only for the good

which we left unaccomplished but for the selfishness and meanness round about us which we did nothing to check. Deliver us from all mere negative morality, all shilly-shally virtue; from all laziness and love of luxury; from smug satisfaction and cowardice; from hypocrisy, false pride and snobbishness; from thoughtless words that stab and the unseemly mirth that stains. Quicken within us a hatred of evil and a love of righteousness. Guide our thoughts and aspirations until they are directed toward the possessions that are more excellent, the riches and joys that last. Thus may the fruits of the spirit — love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, faithfulness and self-control — be developed within us, as we increase in spiritual stature and wisdom, in favor with Thee and with our fellowmen.

Grant that this day our friendship may bless all whom it touches. Through Thine aid may our noblest aspirations be realized, and our best endeavors be crowned with success. Give us, then, to go blithely on our way, men of joy and men of honor; and bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonored, looking straight into the eyes of our

fellows without shame, and straight up into Thy face, O God, without fear.

All these our petitions, spoken and unexpressed, we bring in the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Friend and Elder Brother. AMEN.

*Henry Hallam Tweedy*

**O** FATHER, with whom our spirits rest in fullness of joy, be with us as the shadows fall. Throughout the day whenever toil was greeted manfully we found life. At every turning of the way we have seen the Master walking. Thy beauty broke fair from out of the common weariness of long hours. Now when our wills are free, and our bodies relaxed, may we still find the wonder of Thine appearing. Give us the inner life which seeks Thee not merely as a refuge from toil, not merely as the infinite reason which puts our things in order, but as the Great Companion, with whom, at the end of the day, we take the twilight walk. **AMEN.**

*Irving Maurer*

**W**E BESEECH Thee, Lord, to behold us with favor. . . . Be patient still; suffer us yet a while longer — with our broken purposes of good, with our idle endeavors against evil, suffer us a while longer to endure and (if it may be) help us to do better. Bless to us our extraordinary mercies; if the day come when these must be taken, brace us to play the man under affliction. Be with our friends, be with ourselves. Go with each of us to rest; if any awake, temper to them the dark hours of watching; and when the day returns, return to us, our sun and comforter, and call us up with morning faces and with morning hearts — eager to labor — eager to be happy, if happiness shall be our portion — and if the day be marked with sorrow, strong to endure it. AMEN.

*Robert Louis Stevenson*

**O** GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts and our minds may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. AMEN.

*Roman Breviary*

**I**N THE evening, and morning, and noon-day, we praise Thee, we thank Thee, Master of all, to direct our prayer as incense before Thee; and let not our hearts turn away to words or thoughts of wickedness; but rescue us from all things that hurt our souls. For to Thee, Lord, Lord, our eyes look up, and our hope is in Thee. Confound us not, O our God. AMEN.

*Vespers of Eastern Church*



**A** CCEPT the work of this day, O Lord, as we lay it at Thy feet. Thou knowest its imperfections, and we know. Of the brave purposes of the morning only a few have found their fulfillment. We bless Thee that Thou art no hard taskmaster, watching grimly the stint of work we bring, but the Father and Teacher of men who rejoices with us as we learn to work. We have naught to boast before Thee, but we do not fear Thy face. Thou knowest all things and Thou art love. Accept every right intention however brokenly fulfilled, but grant that ere our life is done we may, under Thy tuition, become true master-workmen, who know the art of a just and valiant life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Walter Rauschenbusch*

**T**HE Lord Bless us and keep us; the  
Lord make his face to shine upon  
us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord  
lift up the light of his countenance upon us,  
and give us peace. AMEN.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

(1) Angelo Patri was born in Italy in 1877. He is principal of New York Public School number 45 and author of a number of books including: *A School Master of the Great City*, *The School That Everybody Wants* and *Americanism*.

(3) St. Chrysostom (344-407) was a celebrated Greek father of the church; while still a young man he determined upon quitting the world and consecrating his life to God in the deserts of Syria. He became so celebrated for the eloquence of his preaching that the Emperor Arcadius determined, in 397, to place him in the archepiscopal see of Constantinople. He was later banished to a town on the most distant shore of the Black Sea. Here he died in 407.

(5) George Washington (1732-1799) was the first president of the United States of America. Of actual schooling he had little; he spelled badly but was able to do accounts well; he tamed the wildest of horses and dominated the most unruly of his schoolmates. At the age of thirty Washington was plainly the greatest soldier in the colonies and in 1775 he was made Commander-in-Chief of the Continental forces. To his judgment and prudence the United States is almost wholly indebted for the independence which was secured to it by the treaty of peace concluded in 1783.

(6) A. F. Jamieson is Senior Master of Latin in Lawrenceville school.

(8) Dr. Arnold of Rugby (1795-1842) was, when thirty-three years old, elected to the head-mastership of Rugby

School, where he remained until his death, and during his administration raised it to the highest rank among the great public schools of England. Fearless, disinterested, transparently truthful, religious without cant, and zealous without rancor, Arnold produced through life the impression, even on his bitterest opponents, of a man whom it was impossible not to respect. Few men in modern times have so well realized and represented the ideal of the old knightly character as this Rugby schoolmaster. He is the Head-Master portrayed in Hughes's *Tom Brown's School Days*.

(9) Henry van Dyke is one of the most gifted literary men of America. He has been a clergyman, a Princeton professor and a diplomat in the foreign service of the United States. His books, which are marked by a love of "God's blessed out-of-doors," include: *The Other Wise Man*, *Sermons to Young Men*, *Fighting for Peace*, *Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land* and *The Valley of Vision*.

(11) Bishop Brent was for many years the P. I. Bishop of the Philippine Islands; he is at present the Bishop of Western New York and a member of the editorial staff of *The Churchman*. During the war Bishop Brent was the Chief of Chaplain service of the A.E.F. For his splendid services abroad he received the Distinguished Service Medal. He has written a number of books, including: *The Sixth Sense* and *Prisoners of Hope*.

(12) H. E. Cobb is the pastor of West End Collegiate Church, New York City.

(13) C. H. Breed is head of the Latin Department and Master of Woodhull House, Lawrenceville School.

(14) Erasmus (1467-1536) was a Dutch scholar who, at the age of seventeen, assumed the monastic habit; the Bishop of Cambray later delivered him from this constraint. To profound and extensive learning he joined a refined taste and delicate wit; besides his editions of various classics, the first edition of the Greek Testament, from MSS. (with Latin translation), and other philologi-

cal and theological writings he is known for his famous book in praise of folly, *Encomium Moriae*.

(16) Ernest E. Rich is Senior Master in Mathematics, Lawrenceville School.

(17) J. A. Corlies is a master in English and American History, Lawrenceville School.

(18) J. S. Stevens is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Maine. He is the author of a number of scientific books and has made a dramatization of The Book of Job.

(19) John J. Schwed is a boy of fifteen.

(20) Harry Emerson Fosdick is one of the best known clergymen of our day. Since 1915 he has been a professor of practical theology at Union Theological Seminary. His best known books include: *The Meaning of Prayer*, *The Meaning of Faith* and *The Manhood of the Master*.

(24) C. A. Eaton, one time pastor of Madison Avenue Church, is the associate editor of Leslie's Weekly. During the war he acted as head of the national service department of the United States Shipping Board Corporation.

(25) Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918) was a brilliant American theologian. He is the author of *Progress of the Social Awakening* and *Dare We Be Christians?*

(27) Francis Bradley-Birt is lord of the manors of Birtsmoreton and Berrow, and patron of Birtsmoreton, Worcestershire. During the war he served as a Lieutenant-Colonel in his Majesty's army. He has written many books on India where he spent a great deal of his time as Magistrate and Collector in Bengal and Khulna, Midnapore. His books include: *The Romance of an Eastern Capital*, *Twelve Men of Bengal* and *Through Persia from the Gulf to the Caspian*.

(28) Cardinal Newman (1801-1890), in his early years, was active in commencing and carrying on the so-called Oxford Movement—the great object of which was to restore and bring into notice the Catholic character of the English Church. In 1847 he went to Rome where

he was admitted to orders in the Roman Catholic Church and, five years later, was appointed rector of the Catholic University established in Dublin. He may be particularly remembered as the author of *Lead, Kindly Light*.

(29) Thos. B. Bronson is head of the Modern Language Department and Master of Griswold House, Lawrenceville School.

(30) J. E. Freeman is the rector of St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis. He is the founder of Hollywood Inn, a workingman's club at Yonkers, and is now developing similar clubs in Minneapolis.

(31) Robert Louis Stevenson, the poet, essayist and novelist, was one of the most fascinating personalities of the Victorian period; his love of romance and adventure, his sunny disposition and good humor, his courage in the face of poverty, sickness and death, endeared him to his friends and have won for him a place in the hearts of thousands of his readers. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, Nov. 13, 1850, and, after the publication of his first book (1879), visited California. Later he bought a home in Samoa where he died, greatly loved and respected by the natives, in 1894. His best known books include: *Treasure Island*, *Kidnapped*, *David Balfour* and *A Child's Garden of Verses*.

(32) Samuel Johnson (1709-1784), having acquired a reputation for his Latin compositions while a school-boy at Stourbridge, was offered a maintenance at Oxford as a companion to the son of a certain Mr. Corbet. At the age of nineteen he entered Pembroke College, Oxford, but a disagreement with his benefactor led to the stopping of his small allowance and he left Oxford without a degree. In 1755, however, after the publication of his famous *Dictionary* he was granted the degree of M. A. from his Alma Mater. He eventually became the dictator of Soho Club, composed of the most eminent men of talents of the day, including Goldsmith, Burke, Garrick, Sir Joshua

Reynolds and James Boswell whose *Life of Johnson* is one of the best biographies ever written.

(33) St. Anselm (1033-1109). From his early youth he desired to enter upon a monastic life; when he was twenty-three years old he was attracted to the monastery at Bec by the teachings of Lanfranc and became an ardent pupil of this great prior. Lanfranc was, a few years later, raised to the see of Canterbury and Anselm succeeded him in the abbacy of Bec, then the most famous school in Europe. In 1093 he was given the regalia of the see of Canterbury. The last sixteen years of his life were spent in conflict and stress. He was canonized in 1494.

(34) Simon J. McPherson (1850-1919) was for twenty years Head Master of Lawrenceville School.

(36) Charles Carroll Albertson, the pastor of Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, New York, is the founder and president of the Book Lovers' Guild and president of the Council of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. He is editor and author of numerous literary works, including: *College Sermons*, *Chapel Talks* and *Prophets and the War*.

(39) St. Augustine (354-430), a renowned father of the Christian Church, was born at Tagaste, Africa. His mother, Monica, was a Christian, his father, Patricius, a pagan. His parents sent him to Carthage to complete his education, but he disappointed their expectations by his neglect of serious study and his devotion to pleasure. He left Christianity and became a disciple of the Manichæans but St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan, later converted him to the faith of his boyhood, and the reading of Paul's epistles wrought an entire change in his life and character.

(41) Rowland Williams (1817-1870) was for many years a fellow and tutor at King's College in Cambridge. In 1854 he became select preacher at Cambridge and vicar of Broad Chalk. His views on inspiration, however, brought him into disfavor with the Welsh clergy and in 1862 he was prosecuted and condemned for heresy in the Court of



Arches but, two years later, he secured from the Privy Council a reversal of the judgment against him.

(43) William Aitken has been the Canon Residentiary of Norwich Cathedral, England, since 1900.

(47) Clayton E. Wheat is the Chaplain of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

(50) Hugh Birkhead is the Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

(51) Herman Page is the Bishop of Spokane, Washington. He was at one time in charge of the mission churches at Wallace and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

(52) J. Ritchie Smith is a professor at the Princeton Theological Seminary.

(53) Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887) was an American clergyman, editor, lecturer, orator and writer. He had a wide personal influence in the public affairs of his day; he joined freely in the politics of the anti-slavery, Civil War and reconstruction periods and championed the poor, the weak and the oppressed. In 1870 he started *The Outlook Magazine*. The best known of his published works include: *Lectures to Young Men*, *Yale Lectures on Preaching*, *Morning and Evening Devotional Exercises* and *Patriotic Addresses in England and America*.

(55) Michael Sailer (1751-1832).

(58) Bishop Lawrence is the Bishop of Massachusetts and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Mark's and Groton Schools.

(60) Donald Wheeler is a professor of Public Speaking at Princeton Theological Seminary and Lawrenceville School.

(61) William H. Matthews is pastor of Greenwich Presbyterian Church, New York City.

(64) Horace Holley is a young American author and poet. His books include: *The Inner Garden*, *Read-Aloud Plays* and *Bahaism*.

(65) Evangeline Booth is the daughter of the late Commander William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army.

For her work during the war Commander Booth was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the United States Government.

(66) Wm. De Witt Hyde (1858-1917) was for more than thirty years president of Bowdoin College. Before taking up his life work of teaching he was a Congregationalist pastor at Patterson, N. J. His books include: *The Five Great Philosophies of Life* and *The Quest of the Best*.

(67) Maria Alexandra Victoria, grand-daughter of Queen Victoria, was born in Eastwell Park in Kent. Her father was the Duke of Edinburgh and her mother the Grand Dutchess Marie of Russia, the only daughter of Czar Alexander II. Her Majesty is the author of a number of books including: *The Stealers of Light*, *The Dreamer of Dreams*, *The Lily of Life* and *Ilderim*.

(68) Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) was an American clergyman of the Episcopal Church and became Bishop of Massachusetts in 1891. He was an impressive pulpit orator of great spiritual force. His published lectures and sermons include: *Lectures on Preaching* and *Essays and Addresses*.

(69) St. Clement was born about A.D. 30. It is supposed that he is the same Clement mentioned by St. Paul (Phil. IV:3) as one of his fellow-laborers. He was, according to tradition, baptised by St. Peter and ordained Bishop of Rome in 91.

(70) James G. K. McClure is the President of the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.

(71) The Earl of Shaftesbury (1801-1885, Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftesbury). He became a member of parliament for Woodstock in 1826 and, eight years later, was made a Lord of the Admiralty. During his life he was closely connected with reforms in poor law, the treatment of lunatics and the condition of factory operatives.

(72) Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882). An American lecturer, essayist and poet. He worked side by side with

Channing and Thoreau in developing transcendentalism, particularly in its theological aspect, as a protest against dogmatic rationalism in religion. He believed in a God-like nature of the human soul and the correlation of human and divine wisdom.

(73) Charles R. Brown has been dean of the Divinity School of Yale University since 1911. He is the author of a number of books, written especially for boys and young men. They include: *The Young Man's Affairs*, *The Modern Man's Religion* and *The Quest of Life*.

(74) A. W. Beaven is the pastor of Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y.

(75) Henry Sylvester Nash (1854-1912) was a theologian and for twenty-eight years professor of literature and interpretation of the New Testament at the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.

(77) Samuel McComb, after receiving his degree of D.D. from the University of Glasgow in 1901, began his professional life as a Presbyterian minister with pastorates at Reading, England and Armagh and Belfast, Ireland. Since 1916 he has been Canon of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore. He is especially well known for his book, *Prayer: What it is and what it does* and *Faith*.

(78) Robert Watson is pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of New York City.

(81) George Dawson (1821-1876) was a British Non-conformist clergyman. His followers built the Church of The Savior, Birmingham, where, free of all doctrinal restrictions, he preached from 1847 until his death.

(83) P. K. Emmons is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Trenton, New Jersey.

(85) Edwin F. Hatfield (1807-1883), an American Presbyterian clergyman, was for a time agent for Union Theological Seminary, and for many years clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

(86) Edward S. Ames is a professor of philosophy at

the University of Chicago and pastor of the Hyde Park Church of the Disciples of Christ.

(87) Eugene Bersier (1831-1889) was a pulpit orator of the Reformed Church of France.

(88) Gerhard Tersteegen (1677-1769) was a German poet born in Mörs, Germany. He is particularly remembered for his book *The Spiritual Garden* and the well-known hymn *Now the Day is Ended*.

(90) Gregorian Church, A.D. 590.

(91) Albinus Flaccus Alcuinus (735-804). He was born at York and educated there under the direction of Ælbert, whom he succeeded in the headship of the school. In 780 he met the Emperor Charles the Great who persuaded him to settle down at his court and help educate the Franks.

(92) C. G. Rossetti (1830-1895) was herself a poet and sister of the poet Dante Gabriel Rossetti. Even as a child she wrote verses and at the age of seventeen her first volume of poems was published.

(96) J. R. Miller (1840-1912) was for many years pastor of St. Paul's, Philadelphia, and editorial superintendent of the Presbyterian Board of Publications.

(97) James Martineau (1805-1900) was a younger brother of the English novelist and political economist Harriet Martineau. Possessed of considerable inventive and mathematical talents, he meant to study for engineering but in 1828 was ordained a Unitarian minister.

(101) Charles R. Erdman is a professor at Princeton Theological Seminary.

(102) D. F. McGill is a clergyman of Ben Avon and for many years was the associate editor of the *United Presbyterian*.

(103) Hicks' Devotions, 1700.

(104) Bishop Ridley (1500-1555) was the Bishop of London in the reigns of Edward IV. and his successor Mary. On the death of Edward he was involved in an attempt to secure the Protestant ascendancy by placing the Lady

Jane Grey on the throne. For this he was condemned to the stake and, with the greatest fortitude, underwent the sentence, October 16, 1555, in Oxford.

(106) W. B. Smiley is the pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Rochester, Pa.

(108) A. W. Harris was for ten years the President of Northwestern University and is now Chairman of the executive board of the Religious Education Association.

(116) Bishop Brooke Foss Westcott (1825-1901) was for a time an assistant master at Harrow and in 1890 became Bishop of Durham. He was one of the revisers of the Authorized Version of the New Testament.

(118) C. B. Newton is the head-master of Pingry School, Elizabeth, N. J.

(119) St. Basil (329-379), surnamed The Great, was born in Cæsarea, in Cappadocia, of which he became bishop in 370. After studying in Athens, where he became the friend of Gregory, afterward Bishop of Nazianzus, he travelled extensively and ultimately retired to the Desert of Pontus where he founded an order of monks.

(122) Dumont Clarke is the school minister of Lawrenceville.

(123) Albert Parker Fitch is the President of Amherst College.

(125) I. O. Rankin was one of the editors of *The Congregationist*.

(126) Henry Hallam Tweedy is a professor at the Yale School of Religion. He was, for several years, a master in English at Hill School, Pottstown, Pa.





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